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SUBJ: KHARTOUM TERRORISTS: STATUS BSO TRIAL

REF: KHARTOUM 0730

1. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION EVENING APRIL 20, I AGAIN ASKED SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT KHALAFALLA AL-RASHID RE STATUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIAL BSO TERRORISTS. NOTING I WOULD BE LEAVING SHORTLY FOR CONSULTATIONS WASHINGTON, I SAID FIRST QUESTION I WAS SURE TO BE ASKED WAS WHEN WOULD TRIAL ACCUSED MURDERERS BEGIN. RASHID REPLIED THAT SUDANESE JUDICIARY ALSO WANTS TO GET THIS CASE MOVING. LOCAL PLO REPRESENTATIVE HAD TALKED WITH HIM (RASHID DID NOT INDICATE WHEN) AND INDICATED DEFENDENTS THEMSELVES WANT TO GET CASE OVER WITH. RASHID ASSURED ME SENIOR MEMBER OF TRIBUNAL TO TRY CASE, ABDULLA ABU AGLA, DEFINITELY COMING KHARTOUM "THIS WEEK" AND HE HOPED TRIAL DATE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BY TIME OF MY DEPARTURE (APRIL 28).

2. COMMENT: WHILE RASHID SOMEWHAT MORE SPECIFIC THAN DURING OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION (REFTEL), IT STILL UNCLEAR WHEN DATE WILL BE FIXED AND TRIAL BEGIN. INDICATION PLO INTERESTED IN QUICK ACTION NOT NECESSARILY REASSURING, SINCE IT INDICATES EITHER BELIEF--OR PERHAPS JUST HOPE--THAT, ONCE TRIAL OVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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